

Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/944,840, filed 08/31/2001 by Arnold Miller et al. for VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD (Attorney's Docket No. AM-2B), which in turn claims benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/229,675, filed 09/01/2000 by William J. Allen et al. for VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING SYSTEM (Attorney's Docket No. AM-2B PROV). The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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